

REMARKS

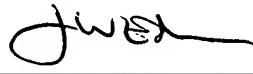
Claims 1-24 are currently pending in this case. Applicants respectfully request the examination of this application with the Preliminary Amendment above. No new matter is added by this Preliminary Amendment. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amend the specification and claim 1 to correct minor informalities which occurred during translation of the priority document into English. Additionally, Applicants request that the originally filed drawing sheet of Fig. 6 be replaced with the replacement drawing sheet of Fig. 6 attached herewith.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: March 18, 2005

By: 
James W. Edmondson
Reg. No. 33,871

Attachments: Submission of Replacement Drawing
and one replacement drawing (Figure 6)

865196_1.DOC